

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Camie S. Thompson

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For: GAS BARRIER LAMINATE FILM AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR AS
WELL AS SUBSTRATE AND IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE UTILIZING THE FILM

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the personal interview
conducted at the USPTO on November 20, 2008:

REMARKS

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None.
2. Identification of claims discussed: 1-4 and 7-20.
3. Identification of art discussed: U.S. Patent No. 6,638,645 ("Sawai").
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: Amending independent claim 14 to incorporate the elements of independent claim 1.
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Discussion of the Rule 132 Declaration of Mr. Iwanaga submitted May 28, 2008. For example, it was pointed out that a difference in oxygen transmission rate of 0 is only possible if the oxygen transmission rate at 10% RH and

90% RH were identical. Applicants' representative also pointed out to the Examiner that the results shown in Table 1 at page 4 of the Declaration demonstrate the patentability of the present claims because a gas barrier with relatively inferior gas-properties would have a higher difference in oxygen transmission rate between 10% and 90% relative humidity as compared to a relatively superior gas barrier. That is, "the less the difference the better." (See Interview Summary dated November 24, 2008 at Continuation Sheet, line 5.)

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None.

7. Results of Interview: An agreement was reached with the Examiner for the reasons summarized in the Examiner's statements set forth on the Continuation Sheet attached to the Interview Summary dated November 24, 2008. In particular, the Examiner indicated that the Declaration of Mr. Iwanaga "overcomes the Sawai reference." (See Interview Summary at Continuation Sheet, ll. 7-8.)

The Examiner also agreed that the amendment to claim 14 should not require further search and consideration and should be entered to allow the application, because the subject matter has already been searched and considered with respect to claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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